Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 18 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Saturday 19 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Thursday 17 Dec 2020 at 16:22 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for general weather, becoming Low from Monday. Medium in cloud amounts.

Headline for Friday 18 Dec 2020: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain. Gales over the summits.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 18 Dec 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
60%	30%	20%	30%	40%	70%	50%	30%

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Weather: Becoming drier with some clearer spells overnight. Any early brightness will soon fade, mostly cloudy with outbreaks of rain and drizzle. The rain occasionally heavy in the afternoon and early evening, particularly across Skye and Knoydart. Turning more showery in the evening, these wintry over the highest summits.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20 to 50%, extensive cloud, base 600 to 900m. Best chance overnight and during the morning from Ben Wyvis up to Assynt and Ben Hope.

Visibility: Moderate or poor in rain and drizzle and very poor at times at height. Mainly very good overnight and during the morning.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	47/56 SW	42/50 SW	39/47 SW	33/40 S	45/54 S	39/49 S	31/39 S	29/37 S	31/38 S
900	44/53 SW	40/48 SW	38/45 SW	30/36 S	41/50 S	37/46 S	29/37 S	28/35 S	29/36 S
600	30/39 SW	28/36 SW	27/35 SW	19/26 S	27/36 S	25/35 S	20/28 S	18/26 S	20/28 S
300	9/38 SW	8/33 SW	8/31 SW	3/22 S	8/37 S	8/33 S	6/26 SW	5/24 SW	6/26 S
Glen	15/32 S	10/24 S	10/23 S	8/22 SE	16/35 S	13/29 S	9/23 S	9/22 S	9/23 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	5/-3	3/-4	3/-5	2/-5	3/-5	3/-4	3/-4	2/-5	2/-6
900	5/-2	4/-3	3/-4	3/-4	4/-3	4/-3	3/-3	3/-4	2/-5
600	7/2	6/1	6/0	5/1	6/1	6/1	6/1	5/0	4/-1
300	8/6	8/6	8/5	7/6	8/6	8/6	8/6	7/5	6/4
Glen	10/8	10/8	10/8	10/8	11/8	10/8	10/7	9/7	9/6
Freezing Level*	1800m	1500m	1400m	1500m	1800m	1600m	1400m	1300m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Navigational difficulties possible at height due to low cloud. Buffeting in gale force winds.

Forecast for Saturday 19 Dec 2020
Weather: Rather cloudy with occasional bright or clear spells and showers, the showers falling as snow over the summits. The showers continuing through the evening with snow over the summits.

Maximum wind: South or Southwest 30 to 40mph gusting 60mph with a significant wind chill.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50%, extensive or occasional cloud, base 700 to 1000m, best chance in the north.

Visibility: Mostly very good, but moderate in showers and poor or very poor at times over the summits.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 to 8 Celsius
At 800m: Around 1 Celsius
Freezing level: Around 1000m.

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